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Editorial

Tonight's "Battle of the Blues" - the annual derby between the Sydney and Melbourne clubs - carries more than just the three competition points. The pride of the city is at stake - with the host club well behind on the scoreboard in the 40 encounters to date.

In welcoming the South Melbourne coach and his team, we offer our congratulations to him on his appointment to the support role with Raul Blanco and the Olyroos team.

Last week's performance by UTS Olympic against Gippsland highlighted the apparent voodoo hanging over the team with *lady luck* well and truly deserting the side. After the (now becoming an avoidable score in itself) 2-0 lead at half time, hitting the crossbar and the upright in the first minute of play in the second half, it would appear that the count of missed opportunities was conservatively counted as 10.

The unfortunate training accident which saw Jean-Paul De Marigny come off second best in a bone-shattering collision, has seen the veteran sidelined for at least six weeks as whatever damage has been sustained in the head clash has a chance to be properly assessed. We wish him well in his recovery and look forward to a return of his defensive cover.

Finally, UTS Olympic players found places in three Australian squads in the past few weeks. A well deserved opportunity for Brett Emerton in the Optus World series, retention of their places for Brett and Carlos Gonzales in the Olyroos squad and former colts player, Mark Byrnes' immediate rise to fame with selection in the Under 17 Joeys squad.

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Developing the Docklands

Karen Sweaney looks at the winning bid for the Melbourne Docklands Stadium and the plans to revitalise the city's 'inner west'

Docklands Stadium
LOCATION: Melbourne Docklands
COMPLETION: 1999
SEATING CAPACITY: 52,000 spectators
SPECIAL FEATURES: Closeable roof
Retractable seating to suit different events
DEVELOPER/OPERATOR: Docklands Stadium Consortium
ARCHITECTS: Daryl Jackson/Bligh Lobb Architects

After considerable speculation over linking TV rights for the Australian Football League (AFL) to the construction of the Melbourne Docklands Stadium, the Docklands Stadium Consortium has been named as the winner of the bid to construct and operate the Stadium.

The Consortium, which links Baulderstone Hornibrook, KPMG, Merrill Lynch, Westpac, Seven Network and News Ltd, beat off competition from the Melbourne and Sports Stadium Consortium backed by Transfield/Grocon and the Packer family's Nine Network.

The $386 million stadium will be a high-tech, 52,000-seat facility. Adjustable and retractable seating will enable the stadium to accommodate varying uses such as soccer, rugby, major entertainment events and AFL while a retractable roof will, when necessary, offer shelter from bad weather. The stadium will also boast dining facilities for 6,500 people, 62 corporate boxes and 300 metres^2 of retail space.

The stadium is the centrepiece of a $2.5 billion business, recreational and residential complex west of the Melbourne CBD that forms Australia's largest urban development.

Planned for completion by the end of 1999, the stadium will be available (subject to current negotiations) for Olympic soccer matches in September 2000. Thereafter it will host upwards of 30 AFL matches a year and will become the AFL's second home after the Melbourne Cricket Ground.

Paul Henry of architects Bligh Lobb Sports describes the Docklands Stadium as the first truly 'fourth generation' stadium in the world, adding "stadia are now reaching a new dimension because of digital technology and the Docklands stadium will demonstrate just what that really means."

"Infrastructure will be built into the stadium design, such as the lighting, seating positions, camera positions and the data capability of wiring to allow for the introduction of digital television in the very near future", Henry adds.

This will enable every spectator to have a unique seat and related personalised communication services.

Coinciding with its successful stadium bid, the Seven Network safeguarded its 40-year link with the AFL by securing the free-to-air TV rights for ten years from 2002. Seven paid $20 million for these rights.

The Seven Network is also planning to construct a state-of-the-art digital broadcasting centre adjacent to the stadium, which will be the new home for Seven in Melbourne

Clearly, Seven views the stadium and its associated media infrastructure as a significant development in the linkage between TV, entertainment and sport.

The Docklands Authority has also announced the preferred bidders for five of the docklands other precincts: Business Park, Victoria Harbour, Yarra Waters, Batman's Hill and Technology Park.

In each bid there are leisure components - an 8,000 seat ice hockey stadium with an adjoining sports themed retail complex, a contemporary art gallery, marinas and entertainment facilities - mixing with housing and retail.

Perhaps the most exciting leisure component is the 'Entertainment City 2000' proposed for the western Business Park Precinct. Entertainment City plans an adventure theme park, a working film studio, a twenty-screen megaplex cinema and a themed hotel. The development would provide Melbourne with its first international scale major theme park and is planned for completion within two years of breaking ground.

Each of the preferred bidders will now work with the Docklands Authority to competitively improve their proposals and resolve details, before further development announcements are made.

Sport for Sale

Ed Druce considers the export potential of Australian sport

Sport is destined to be the fastest growing industry in the first decade of the next millennium and Australia is ideally placed to capitalise on this growth. Australia's position is a result of past activities in raising the profile of sport and ensuring an elite body of sports people are available to represent their country.

While some may lament the passing of sport as a recreational pursuit and the arena for gifted amateurs, sport is now a business, and an ever increasing one, of domestic and international significance.

As with any product, demand is driven by a range of factors. In sport these drivers include standards of living and disposable income; population and age distribution; urbanisation, climate and culture; free time; communications technology, government policy and industry dynamics.

Looking at the Asian economies over the last decade, all of the above are strongly positive. When purchasing power (not just the average earnings but the type of lifestyle that such earnings can bring) reaches the equivalent of US $10,000 discretionary disposable income becomes available for leisure. In our region Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and Brunei are in this group. (While sport may not normally be associated with Brunei, the Sultan personally supports the Brunei hockey team and they have an Australian coach - the first small step in export!)

Another group of countries are passing the threshold of being a booming market for sport; Taiwan, Korea and Malaysia. Even China and India offer large prospective sports markets because within their large populations their middle classes are considerably larger than the population of Australia. (The Indian middle class is estimated to number 120 million people and growing at 20 million each year).

As far as population and age distribution is concerned, Asian countries are not only large and growing but also 'young' - all prerequisites for sports consumption and participation. The population is overwhelmingly urban and becoming increasingly so. Since the sports industry draws most of its clients from urban centres this is also a strong positive driver.

In terms of leisure and working

time, workers in most Asian countries work about 200 more hours per year than those in Australia. However, as working hours decrease across Asia, most consumers in Asian economies will be looking at an additional 100 to 200 hours of leisure time - while sport cannot satisfy all this emerging demand, it certainly is in the box seat to capitalise on it.

Communications technology is changing rapidly as well, and despite an occasional clash with other government policies, most Asian governments are keen to acquire the latest technology. When new communications technology and sport intersect we get interesting results especially if the 'sport' managers are thinking sport and not business.

At first glance government policies do not seem to be important when thinking of sport, even sport as a business, although all the normal interaction of business and government is applicable to the sports business. However, there is considerably more interaction than this - communications policy is just one area.

Interestingly, governments see sport as an essential part of their foreign relationships. In Australia would so much money be spent on sport if governments of all hues did not see that sporting prowess on the international stage can elevate a country in the international diplomatic pecking order?

Thus we have the Australian Government spending millions of dollars of our money on sports, their infrastructure and development with the virtually unanimous support of the tax-payer.

This phenomenon is not confined to Australia. A 1989 review of sport in Asia (and Africa) saw the promotion of modern sport as part of nation building. In South Korea, the government actively sought a relationship between sports and big business and also pursued a fairly aggressive policy of sports diplomacy with countries with which it did not have formal diplomatic relations.

Sport is still seen in this important light by all governments. To return from an international sporting event without a medal is seen as a national disgrace (remember Australia after the Montreal Olympics?) Even more startling is the angst that regularly grips India when only one or two medals are won at Asian Games.

Among the drivers of demand is the emerging industry dynamics. An almost explosive mixture of increasing demand for sports programming, an increased idolisation of sports stars (replacing movie stars of the 1950's and 1960's, the rock stars of the 1970's and the television stars of the 1980's), increasing sponsorship dollars, growth of merchandising and the increased business acumen of sports administrators is leading to dramatic industry growth.

In researching regional sports for *Expanding Australia's sporting and recreational links with Asia* we initially gauged the attention that nations give to sport from stamps and newspapers. This was based upon the understanding that countries issue stamps to record the important aspects of their nationhood and culture. With sport as a part of culture we analysed sports stamps (apart from Olympic and World Cup issues) emanating from every Asian country since 1960. This gave us two sets of facts: the sports which each nation saw as part of its culture (for example Australia's selection included Australian Rules football and cricket); and the level of importance placed on sport by government (as all stamps are issued by an arm of government) in comparison to other aspects of a nations heritage and culture.

An analysis of newspapers gave us the number of pages of sports coverage compared to all other contents and also a listing of sports according to their coverage.

From this data and other information we built up a market picture of the next decade or so for each Asian country. This was used to postulate emerging sports and the magnitude of sports and recreation in public opinion.

It also unearthed some interesting sports not heard of in Australia such as Sepak Takraw - a sort of badminton played with heads and feet (which could be evolved into a dynamic television sport) and Kabbadi from India - a body contact sport that requires brains and strategy.

The data gathered meant that we could build a model of sporting opportunities, based upon the export of support services, infrastructure, equipment and merchandising, management, media activities, corporate facilitation and in-bound tourism. We also identified current key sports, such as soccer, badminton, volleyball and boxing; and growth sports in the medium and long term (three to ten years). These growth sports include athletics, swimming, basketball, tennis, golf, water sports, rowing and cycling.

And what is this market worth? Our estimates are that in 1994 the sporting business was worth up to $267 million of exports and by 2000 it would be worth up to $640 million. Sport could be worth several billion dollars by the end of the first decade of the next century. It certainly could be in the top ten of export industries.

In internationalising sport, Australia does have one advantage that no other country can claim - bringing together the major sports industry stakeholders for the 2000 Olympic Games. This critical mass of sport industry management must be used as a platform to ensure a billion dollar industry is succoured and is successful.

Being the leading proponent of a world-wide sport industry has the potential to be even more nation building than winning a fistful of medals.

I believe that the key ingredients for Australian sport to succeed as an international industry are in place. A large and competent domestic industry, strong positive drivers of demand and rapidly emerging opportunities in attractive markets.

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NORTHERN SPIRIT SET TO SOAR

Soccer Australia announced last week the Northern Spirit Football Club had been successful in its bid to join the Ericsson Cup from the 1998/99 season.

Soccer Australia Chief Executive, David Woolley, said that the Board of Commissioners was pleased a team had finally been established to represent the large soccer community based in the northern suburbs of Sydney.

"Soccer Australia has identified northern Sydney as an area strategically important in the development of the Ericsson Cup, and we welcome the inclusion of Northern Spirit into the League.

"Their bid was, without doubt, one of the most professional submissions Soccer Australia has received," Woolley said.

Northern Spirit will be based at North Sydney Oval and will be Sydney's first and Australia's second, full time professional club.

Remo Nogarotto, Chairman of the new club, said he was excited about the prospect of establishing northern Sydney's first ever NSL side. "The road to approval has been a long and chellenging one, but all the parties involved in negotiations from North Sydney Council to the management of Soccer Australia have approached the matter with professionalism and determination.

"This is a vote of confidence in the viability of soccer in one of Sydney's most important sporting market places. It will also at long last provide a career path for the thousands of aspiring young footballers in the three local associations – Manly, Ku-ring-gai and Gladesville/Hornsby," Mr Nogarotto added.

WINE BUFFS CORNER

A regular feature in the home match day program until the end of the season for those who enjoy a GOOD wine at a reasonable value-for-money price. The opinions presented are completely unsolicited and come from the renowned wine expert, James Halliday.

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ERICSSON CUP PLAYERS SKIP TRAINING TO GO TO THE PUB

Well, not quite as the headline would suggest. In fact, it was a promotional visit by UTS Olympic stars, Walter Ardone, top striker, Norman Tome and Captain, Peter Tsekenis to Darling Harbour's top theme sports bar – One World Sports, last Friday night.

It followed a similar visit, earlier this season when Sydney United's Robbie Hooker, and our own, Derek Poimer, were "Stars behind the Bar" at the venue.

"But we hope the trio spend more time serving the customers than Deka did when he was there last time," UTS Olympic's media publicist, Michelle Keighran said.

It seems Poimer, Hooker and former world surfing champion, Tom Carroll, were a littie distracted as they shared the "behind the bar" duties with one of the Inside Sport models.

"Stars behind the Bar" is a unique promotional concept has seen many of Australia's top sporting personality serve customers at One World Sports for one hour every Friday night.

EMERTON MAKES NATIONAL SQUAD FOR OPTUS SERIES

UTS Olympic's most consisten performer this season received a fittin reward for his efforts when named i the Australian squad for the up-coming Optus World Series.

The series, to be played over the next two weeks, will see Australia contest matche against Chile, South Korea and Japan :

AUSTRALIA'S DRAW

Sat 7 Feb	**vs**	**Chile**	**Melbourne**
Wed 11 Feb		**South Korea**	**Sydney**
Sun 16 Feb		**Japan**	**Adelaide**

Emerton, who was one of Olympic's outstanding players in las weekend's shock 2-3 loss to Gippsland, after leading 2-0 at half time, i on many other NSL clubs' "shopping lists."

Earlier this season speculation was that the talented Emerton would leave Olympic for a stint with the French club, Bordeaux, bu terms could not be negotiated and Emerton decided to stay with Olympic.

The squad will assemble in Melbourne, tomorrow, for the firs match on Feb 7th.

Soccer Australia rejects "snub" report

Soccer Australia last week rejected a report in th Australian newspaper that it had snubbed a meeting with th Board of Soccer NSW on January 21st.

The Board of Soccer NSW had invited Soccer Australi Chairman, David Hill to discuss a number of matters concerning the future of soccer in Australia.

The Board of Soccer Australia at its January meetin subsequently decided to make the future of soccer in Australia a topic of a weekend conference immediately following the AGM involving all of soccer's stakeholders on Feb 28 and March 1.

Soccer Australia advised the Board of Soccer NSW tha the Chairman and Chief Executive would meet with them after the stakeholders meeting.

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Politics and the politician

David Hill, who announced last week that he would be standing for pre-selection as an ALP candidate for the Federal seat of Hughes, stated that he would be remaining as Chairman of Soccer Australia.

Hill was elected as Chairman until the year 2000 and he made it clear that he intended to honour that commitment.

The matter of Hill's pre-selection was also discussed by and with some of soccer's stakeholders. They feel comfortable with that and some feel it would be good to have a soccer Member of Parliament.

It was less than a year ago when Hill agreed to fix the NSW Railways and to everybody's satisfaction that was achieved, despite an earlier suggestion by some that he could not do both jobs.

Hill commented that "if I was able to handle the Railways job during last year's torrid World Cup campaign, then I can handle anything."

SHORT STOPS

• Congratulations to UTS Olympic Ericsson Cup player, Steve Karavatakis, on the birth of his first child, Alexis, just over a week ago. Wife, Yvonne and the youngster are doing well and Steve says he can't get enough of his new born.

• *UTS Olympic's **Brett Emerton & Carlos Gonzales** have been selected in the Olyroos squad to play a three match series againmst the Brazilian Olympic squad. The pair have been in a training/selection camp this week at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra. A final selection of a smaller squad will be made in the period leading up to the scheduled matches.*

National Olympic team coach, Raul Blanco, put the squad through its paces at the AIS including two practice matches against the Canberra Cosmos

• A new Soccer Australia Hot-Line has been established adding a variety of menus and benefits to users. The new Hot-Line allows users to access Ericsson Cup and Soccer Australia news, Ericsson Cup match results are up-dated at full time, and the Ericsson Cup table is up-dated at the end of each round, as will the fixtures for next week. **THE NEW NUMBER IS 1900 123 035**

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Colts player makes Under 17 squad

Just over two weeks after UTS Olympic General Manager, Frank Martin, agreed to release Colts player, Mark Byrnes, to join the Soccer NSW Intensive Training Centre, the youngster has won an immediate call-up to Les Scheinflug's Under 17 National squad.

After discussing the player's future with his father, "there was no question of the club standing in his way," Martin said. "He was one of the stand-out talents in the Colts team, and we even offered him a contract in the Youth team at the end of his stint with the ITC," Martin added.

Scheinflug will use the 30-strong Joeys squad to prepare for Australia's assault on the Oceanic Football Confederation qualifying tournament in Fiji in May.

The 1999 FIFA/JVC World Youth Championship will be held in New Zealand.

ERICSSON CUP NOTICE

Entry inside the perimeter fence of the playing field at Belmore Sports Ground is prohibited at all times and offenders will beprosecuted.

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Postecoglou joins Olyroos camp

Australian U-23 coach, Raul Blanco, has invited South Melbourne coach, Angie Postecoglou, to assist in the Olyroos preparation for the up-coming 3 match series against Brazil

"It provides the young coaches with a fantastic opportunity to experience, at first hand, the work and pressures involved in the preparation of our national teams, in this case the Olympic squad," Blanco said.

"Involving coaches from the NSL as assistant coaches to our international teams will be a regular feature of future Youth, Olympic and Socceroos squads," according to Soccer Australia Chairman, David Hill. "In terms of development it allows coaches to sample what is required at the top level of soccer," Hill added

sixty seconds WITH

PETER TSEKENIS

The UTS Olympic Captain will be on the sidelines today having amassed four yellow cards ...

So what does the UTS Olympic Captain do in his spare time ?:

Well...between keeping myself fit, I don't mind the odd fishing trip , I also enjoy water skiing.

Who has had the biggest influence on you're career ?

My family and coaches.

Have you set yourself any particular goals this season ?

Yes, naturally... to make the semis and win the title.

What's your moment memorable moment on the field ?

Scoring against Saudi Arabia at the Olympics.

Who would be you're toughest opponent ?

I'd have to say the Referee.

If you could be anyone for a day, Who would it be ?

The Sultan of Brunei (the richest man in the world).... say no more!

Finally Peter, could you describe yourself in three words.

Yep sure... Tall , Shy but *sly*.

When you're not at training or playing a game, where would we find you.

Sitting in front of the TV, watching Seinfeld, with an O.J. and one of Mum's home-cooked dinners.

If you were stuck on a desert island, what three things would you have.

Jet-ski, fishing rod and the missus.

What do like best about UTS Olympic.

My team mates, supporters and the atmosphere at Belmore Sports Ground.

Your advice to aspiring young players.

Listen, learn believe in yourself - above all ....enjoy youself.

THE CAPTAIN

D.O.B.	4 Aug 73
Status	Single
Height	184cm
Weight	85kg

Playing position
Central Midfield

Previous clubs
St George

Rep Honours
NSW schoolboys, Aust schoolboys, Aust Youth Aust Olympic team - Atlanta

UTS OLYMPIC

1 GEORGE BOUHOUTSOS
2 PAUL CARTER
3 ADAM CIANTAR
4 ANTE JURIC
5 SCOTT BAILLIE
6 ERIC HRISTODOULOU
7 NORMAN TOME
8 PETER TSEKENIS (C)
9 DEREK POIMER
10 BRETT EMERTON
11 CHRIS KALANTZIS
12 KIMON TALIADOROS
13 JEAN PAUL DE MARIGNY
14 WALTER ADONE
15 ELIAS AUGERINOS
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17 DANNY BARBALACE
18 STEVE KARAVATAKIS
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Coach - Angie POSTECOGLOU

Referee -

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PETER ALEXOPOULOS
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DECISIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL F.A. BOARD

1. *A penalty kick is awarded if, while the ball is in play, the goalkeeper, inside his own penalty area, strikes or attempts to strike an opponent by throwing the ball at him.*
2. *A player who commits a cautionable sending-off offence, either on or off the field of play, whether directed towards an opponent, a team-mate, the referee, an assistant referee or any other person, is disciplined according to the nature of the offence committed.*
3. *The goalkeeper is considered to be in control of the ball by touching it with any part of his hand or arms. Possession of the ball includes the goalkeeper deliberately parrying the ball, but does not include the circumstances where, in the opinion of the referee, the ball rebounds accidently from the goalkeeper, for example, after he has made a save.*

Understanding the Laws of the Game

4. *Subject to the terms of Law 12, a player may pass the ball to his own goalkeeper using his head or chest or knee, etc. If however in the opinion of the referee, a player uses a deliberately trick while the ball is in play in order to circumvent the Law, the player is guilty of unsporting behaviour. He is cautioned, shown the yellow card and an indirect free kick is awarded to the opposing team from the place where the infringement occurred*

   A player using a deliberate trick to circumvent the Law while he is taking a free kick, is cautioned for unsporting behaviour and shown the yellow card. The free kick is re-taken.

   In such circumstances, it is irrelevant whether the goalkeeper subsequently touches the ball with his hands or not. The offence is committed by the player in attempting to circumvent both the letter and the spirit of Law 12.

SENDING-OFF OFFENCES

A player is sent off and shown the red card if he commits any of the following seven offences:

1. *is guilty of serious foul play*
2. *is guilty of violent conduct*
3. *spits at an opponent or any other person*
4. *denies an opponent a goal or an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by deliberately handling the ball (this does not apply to a goalkeeper within his own penalty area)*
5. *denies an obvious goal-scoring opportunity to an opponent moving towards a player's goal by an offence punishable by a free kick or a penalty kick.*
6. *Uses offensive, insulting or abusive language*
7. *Receives a second caution in the same match.*

ERICSSON CUP DRAW

THIS WEEK'S ROUND

FRI	SYDNEY UTD	VS ADELAIDE CITY
SAT	CARLTON	VS CANBERRA
SUN	WOLLONGONG	VS MELB KNIGHTS
	PERTH GLORY	VS BRISBANE
	STH MELB	VS NEWCASTLE
	GIPPSLAND	VS UTS OLYMPIC
	WEST ADELAIDE	VS MARCON I

NEXT WEEK'S ROUND

FRI	SYDNEY UTD	VS MELB KNIGHTS
SAT	CARLTON	VS UTS OLYMPIC
SUN	WOLLONGONG	VS MELB KNIGHTS
	PERTH GLORY	VS NEWCASTLE
	STH MELB	VS MARCONI
	GIPPSLAND	VS WEST ADELAIDE
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THE UTS OLYMPIC ERICSSON CUP PLAYERS EXPRESS THEIR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT OF

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Maybe if I think hard enough, CHEER, no SCREAM HARD enough, this game will be ours."

Well, we didn't want to be the ones to break this to you, but see that guy sitting opposite you? Yeah, the one holding the 'Coke', cheering for the other side. Guess what? He's thinking the SAME THING you are.

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THE TRUE BLUES

Tim Xiros looks at the history of the Blues showdowns

Biggest Olympic win 4-2 (1995/96)
Biggest South Melbourne win 4-1 (1995/96)

Forget the new kid on the block Carlton, tonight's match is traditionally known as the "Battle of the Blues"

Since the formation of the NSL in 1977, matches between Sydney Olympic and South Melbourne have always been fierce and lively encounters.

These two foundations NSL clubs are two of the best supported clubs in the country and their matches are commonly remembered as great spectacles.

Who can forget those epic dules at St.George stadium and Middle Park, where everyone enjoyed action packed games.

Head to head the NSL statistics are :

Played 40
Sydney Olympic won 8
Goals 44
South Melbourne won 20
Goals 65
Drawn 12

In Sydney
Played 18
Sydney Olympic won 5
Goals 20
South Melbourne won 8
Goals 27
Drawn 5

Souths therefore have the upper hand in the stats but Olympic fans will never forget the championship wining season of 1969/90

With two of the best assembled squads in the country, Olympic boadcasting with players such as Bernal Spyridakos, Phillips, Saad, Ironside and Hooker and Souths not to be outdone with stars as Durakovic, Postecoglou, Wade , Taliadoras and Peterson, Olympic vs Souths were definitely the games of the season.

In that notorious season, both sides had won their home game against the other, and ended up meeting in the NSL Cup final

In a mid- week clash at Melbourne's Olympic Park, Souths demoralised Olympic with a 4-1 thrashing. Ten days later at the same venue the teams met again in the minor Semi-final, the NSL Cup loss still fresh in the minds of the Olympic players.

Olympic's Alistair Edwards proved the match winner this time round with a goal in the 57th minute.

Revenge is sweet and the rest as they say is history. Olympic defeating the Melbourne Knights and then Marconi yto claim their one and only trophy.

Tonight's game will add to this fine sporting tradition and we should see a well fought battle between the two teams.

In round 1 at Bob Jane the battle ended deadlocked in a 2-2 draw, and tonight's result will determine just who exactly are the "true Blues"

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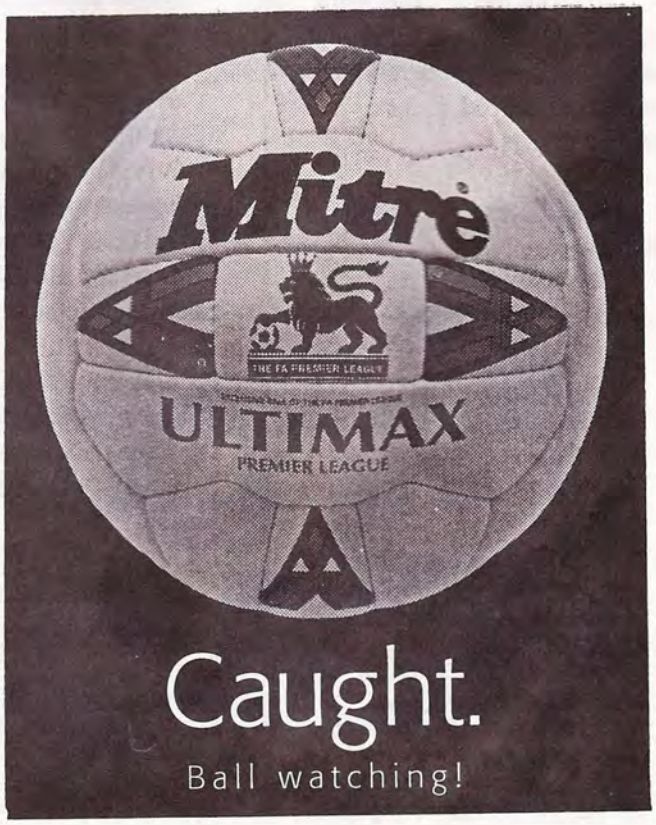

SCOREBOARD

Week ending – January 25th

CARLTON 2 (J Markovski 34, D Alsopp 65)	CANBERRA 0	*Crowd*	*2476*
GIPPSLAND 3 (M Gotis 47, D Marcina 52, 59)	UTS OLYMPIC 2 (H Bayhan 23, 44)	*Crowd*	*2604*
PERTH 1 (E Tapai pen 73)	BRISBANE 3 (N Meredith 22, S Laybutt 62, T Cranney 89)	*Crowd*	*2476*
STH MELBOURNE 2 (M Cucija 71)	NEWCASTLE 1 (C Zane 84)	*Crowd*	*3887*
SYDNEY UTD 0	ADELAIDE CITY 1 (D Mori 44)	*Crowd*	*3355*
WOLLONGONG 2 (M Horsley 42, A Surjan 85)	MELB KNIGHTS 0	*Crowd*	*5195*
WEST ADELAIDE 0	MARCONI-FAIRFIELD 2 (g Mendez 42, B Renaud pen 49)	*Crowd*	*2581*

ERICSSON CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
STH MELBOURNE	17	9	6	2	40	24	**33**
SYDNEY UTD	17	9	6	2	26	13	**33**
ADELAIDE CITY	15	9	1	5	28	16	**28**
CARLTON	17	7	7	3	21	15	**28**
WOLLONGONG	16	8	1	7	34	17	**25**
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	17	7	4	6	19	21	**25**
PERTH	17	7	4	6	21	24	**25**
MELB KNIGHTS	16	6	5	5	21	19	**23**
GIPPSLAND	17	6	5	6	18	20	**23**
WEST ADELAIDE	17	6	3	8	23	25	**21**
UTS OLYMPIC	17	6	3	8	21	30	**21**
BRISBANE	17	6	0	11	16	24	**18**
CANBERRA	17	2	6	9	19	36	**12**
NEWCASTLE	17	1	5	10	16	37	**8**

TOP SCORERS - ROUND 18

Pablo Cardozo	W Adel	**13**
Damian Mori	Adel C	**12**
Scott Chipperfield	W'Gong	**10**
Abbas Saad	Syd Utd	**8**
Norman Tome	UTS Olym	**8**
Pail Trimboli	Sth Melb	**8**

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PTS
AUST INSTITUTE	14	10	2	2	59	12	**32**
WOLLONGONG	15	8	3	4	31	23	**27**
UTS OLYMPIC	13	7	3	3	36	21	**24**
QLD ACADEMY	14	6	4	4	32	18	**22**
SYDNEY UNITED	14	5	6	3	37	27	**21**
MARCONI FAIRFIELD	14	6	2	6	23	27	**20**
MARCONI COLTS	14	6	2	6	23	34	**20**
ACT ACADEMY	15	5	4	6	21	42	**19**
NEWCASTLE	14	4	5	5	27	30	**17**
UTS OLYM COLTS	15	3	3	9	22	48	**12**
SYDNEY UTD COLTS	14	3	2	9	16	37	**11**
NSW INSTITUTE	14	2	4	8	18	26	**10**

NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE

ROUND 16

NEWCASTLE 1	NSW INSTITUTE 1
QLD ACADEMY 0	WOLLONGONG 1
ACT ACADEMY 2	MARCONI 1
UTS OLY COLTS 2	SYD UTD COLTS 2
MARCONI COLTS 1	SYDNEY UNITED 5

ROUND 17

UTS OLY COLTS 2	NEWCASTLE 2
SYDNEY UTD 2	AUST INSTITUTE 1
WOLLONGONG 2	SYD UTD COLTS 1
MARCONI COLTS 4	ACT ACADEMY 3
NSW INSTITUTE *	UTS OLYMPIC *

UTS OLYMPIC

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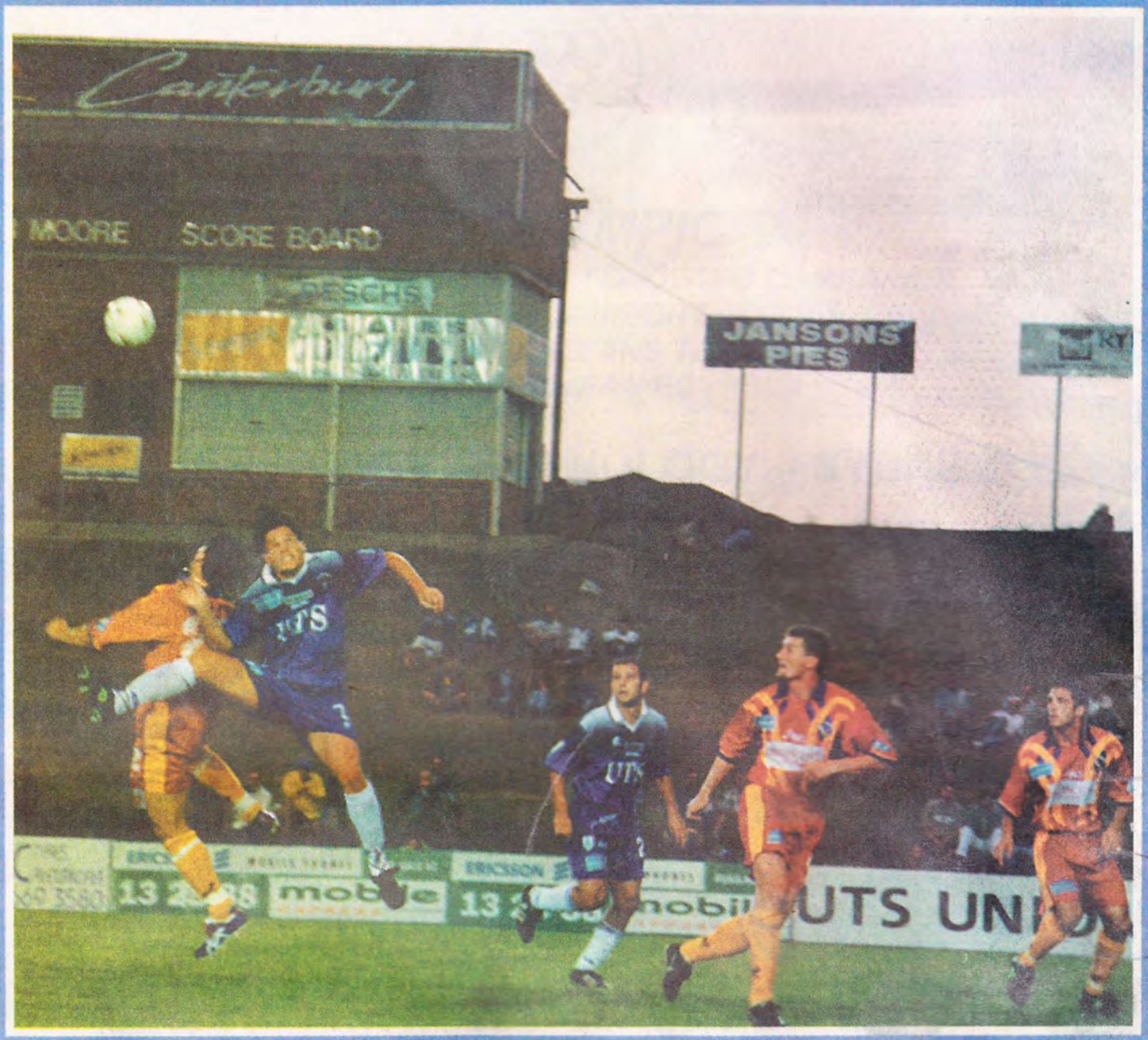

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